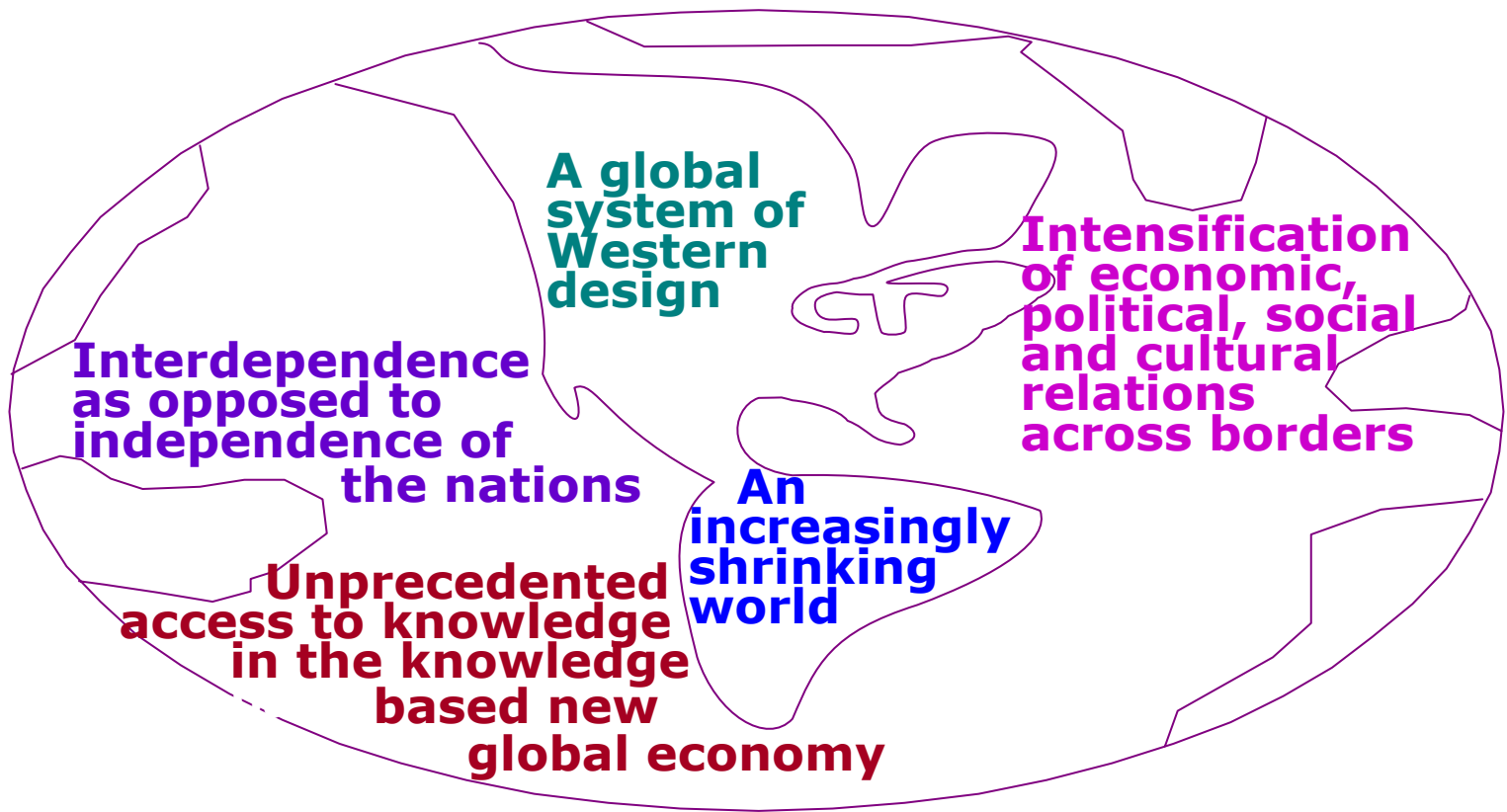


# **Unprepared, Unwilling and Unfit: The Muslim in the Age of IT**

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# **Globalization in the Age of IT**

# **Globalization: Three Keys**

**Opening**

**the Doors**

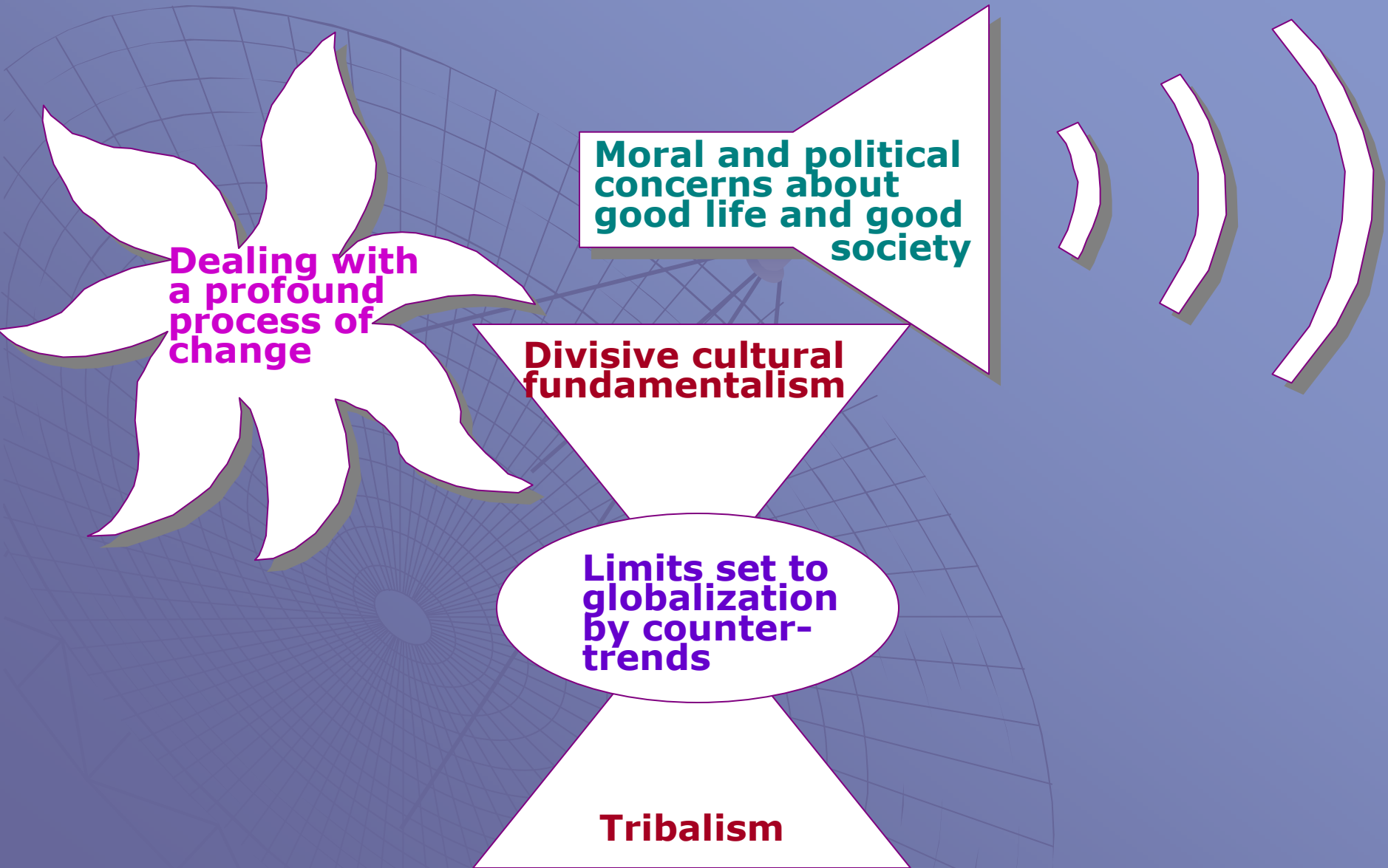
**to Development**

**Developing  
technological  
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**Technology  
acquisition &  
adaptation**

**Utilization,  
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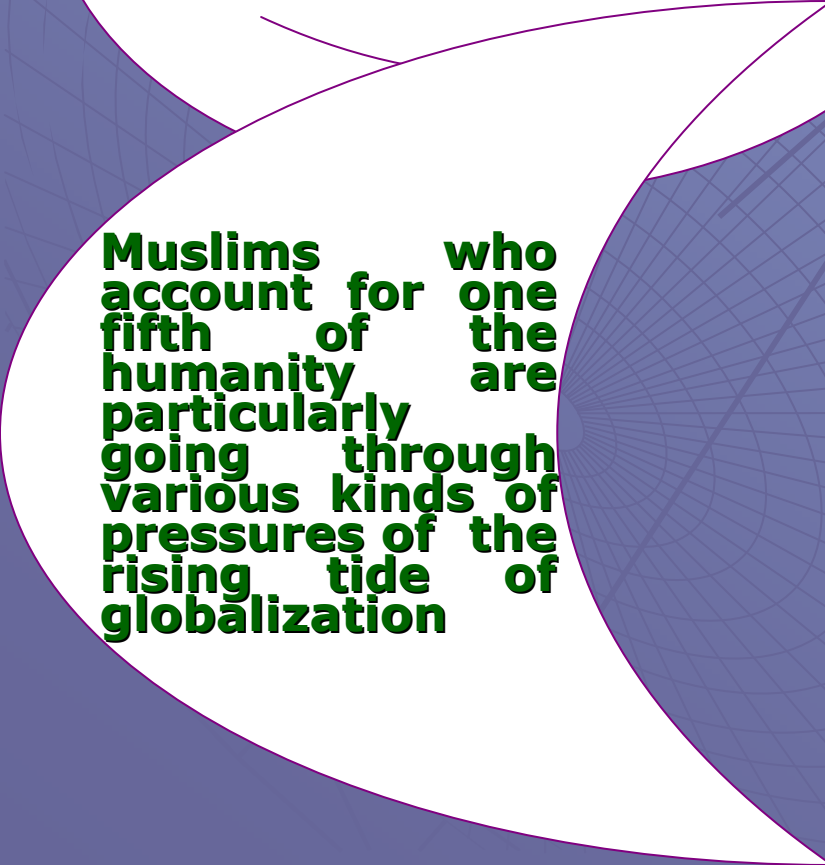
# *Globalization: Challenges*



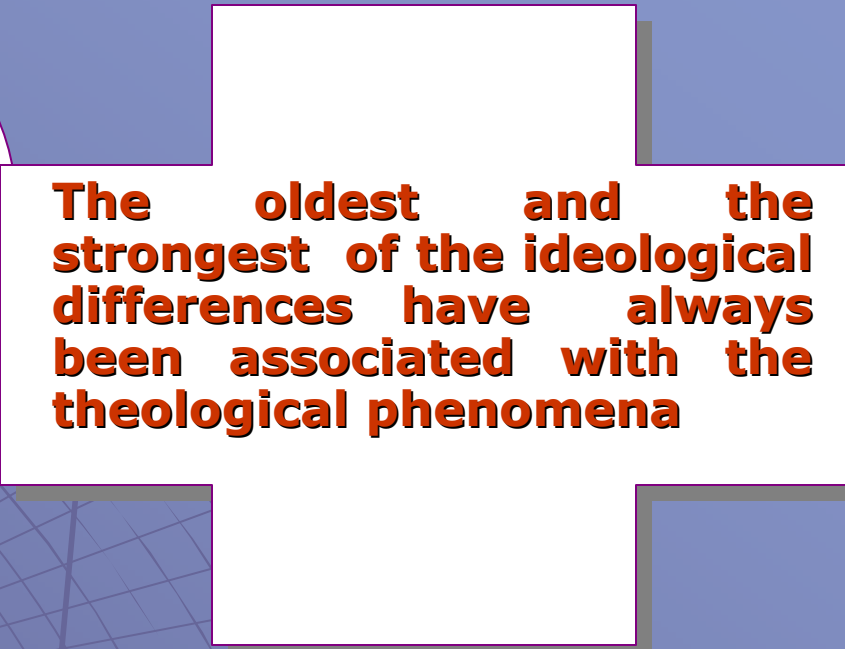
# *Theological Shades of Global Sociology*



**Differences in sociological phenomena very often arising from ideological differences**



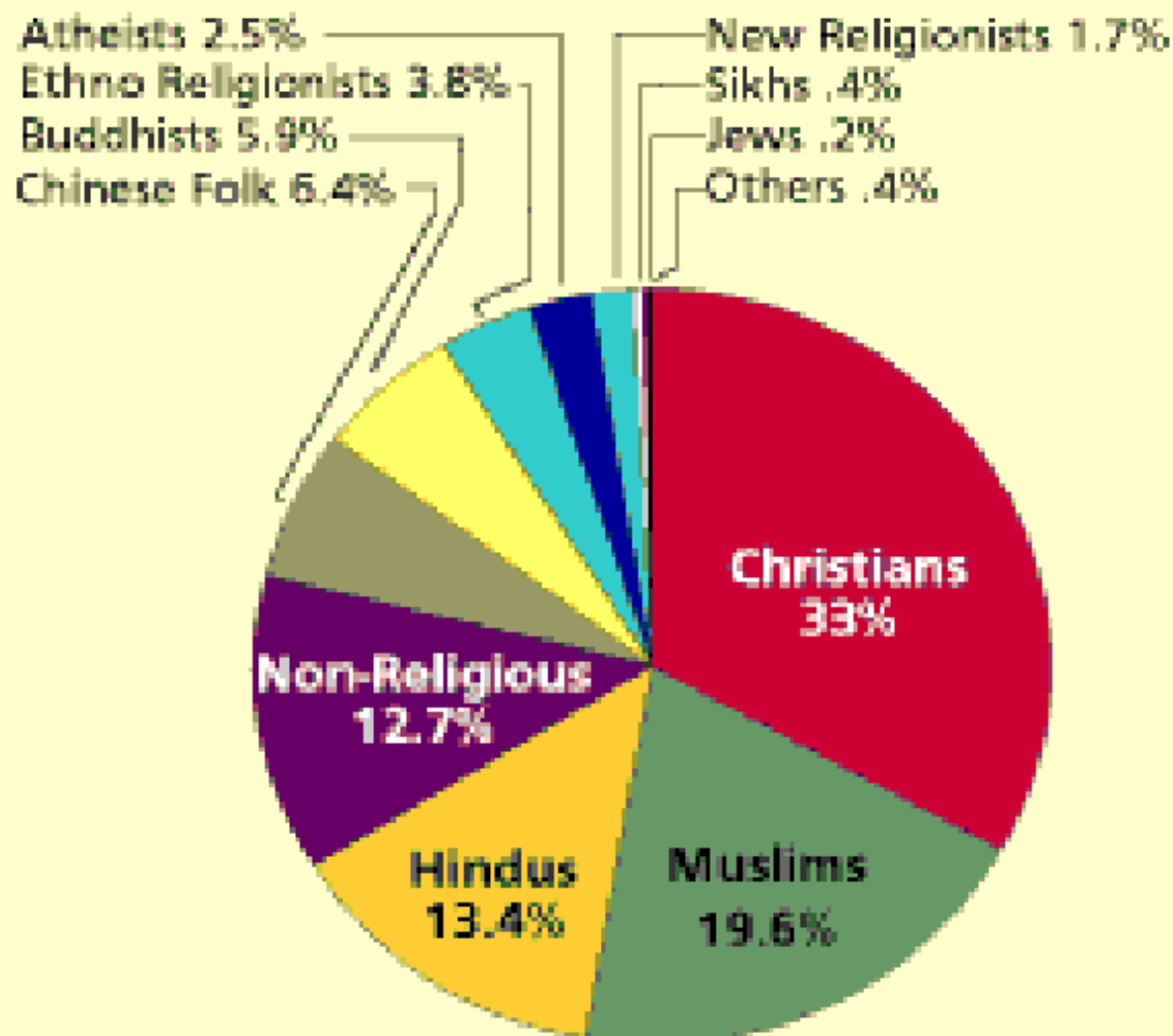
**Muslims who account for one fifth of the humanity are particularly going through various kinds of pressures of the rising tide of globalization**



**The oldest and the strongest of the ideological differences have always been associated with the theological phenomena**

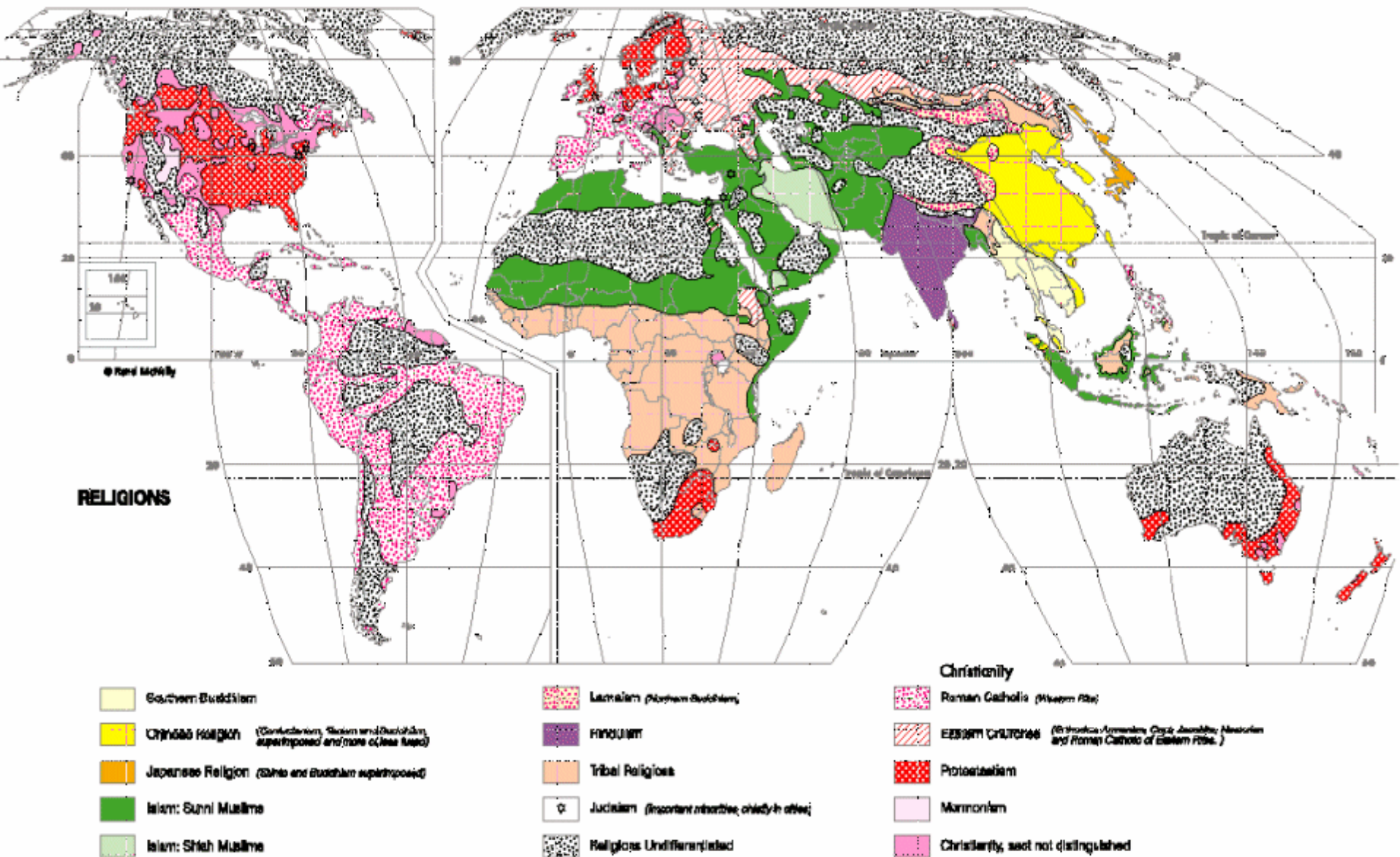
# Religious Adherents as a Percentage of World Population in 2000

Figure 2





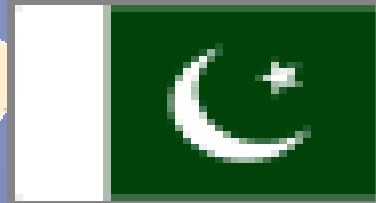
# Global Religious Map



After a map compiled by the Office of the Geographic, Department of State

# The Muslim World: Geographical Span

## Arab League



**Pakistan**



**Turkey**



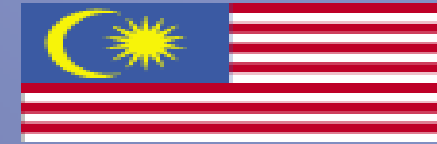
**Bangladesh**



**Afghanistan**



**Indonesia**



**Malaysia**



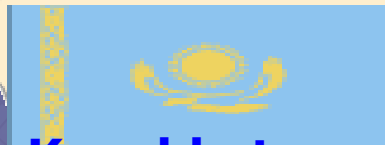
**Uzbekistan**



**Tajikistan**



**Kyrgyzstan**



**Kazakhstan**



**Turkmenistan**



**Azerbaijan**



**Iran**

States with sizeable Muslim population, mainly India and some of the countries in Sub-Saharan Africa



# **The Muslim World: Social and Economic Dynamics**

**Religious and cultural diversity**

**Harmonious coexistence with Christians, Jews, Zoroastrians and other religious groups**

**Second largest religion of the humankind with the growing share in the world population**

**Barring Turkey and Malaysia, all of the countries almost belonging to the traditional society of the Rostow's stages of growth**

**Community as a whole alarmingly deficient on development, progress and sustainability indicators**

# **The Muslim World: Major Dilemma**

**The continuation of the age-old tradition of inert following and obedience at all levels of social and political organization**

**Versus**

**Initiative, enterprise and self-reliance along with pragmatic apportioning of the three phenomena, namely, dogmatic beliefs, uncomplaining endurance and unquestioned obedience**

# **Grand Design: The Eternal Scrolls**

## **It's All Written There**

**Dynamic  
character of  
the *Grand  
Design***

**The organic  
phenomena are  
inherently  
more prone to  
change and the  
change is also  
a lot more  
visible**

**Ideas are living  
organism and, in  
the paradoxical  
scheme of the  
*Grand Design*, they  
are the intangible  
counterpart of the  
tangible objects**

**The social, political  
and economic  
structures are  
organic entities  
and they live,  
grow and develop  
till the ideas are  
reproducing**

# **Muslim Societies: The Past and Present**

## **Yesterday**

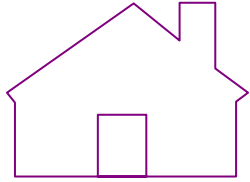
**Medieval Islamic  
rationalism being  
consonant with  
modern enlightenment**

## **Today**

**Failure of the medieval  
Islamic rationalism to  
travel forward into the  
future, making the natural  
law in Muslim societies to  
take its inevitable  
retrogressive course**

# Globalization, IT and Cross-cultural Dialogue

**Destination**



**Peace and  
development**

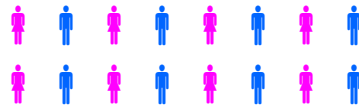
**Stakeholders**

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**Arbitrators**

**Major  
powers**

**Mediator**

**Global  
electronic  
media**

# **Arbitrators: Balance Sheet**

**No sympathetic response to the plight of the Afghan and Iraqi citizens from the influential quarters of the *global village***

***Precision bombing and machine-gun bullets of the self-righteousness threatening the survival of the planet more than the alleged bombs of Islamic fundamentalism***

**A success story of Putting the Muslim world at the defensive, causing a feeling of political and spiritual defeat at a time when the Crusaders resurrected from distant past of Holy Roman Empire appear to be invincible**



# **Mediator: Management's Slogan**



**Image is Imagination**





# Arbitrator, Mediator and the Accomplished Accomplices

## **The orthodox Muslims**

**Conceited  
attitudes**

**Ignorance**

**Complacently  
unperceptive  
beliefs**

**Immutable  
Islamic social  
system**

**All embracing  
essential culture valid  
without further  
accommodation for all  
times, places and  
peoples**

***True Islamic behavior:  
the social and cultural  
practices of the 7th  
century Arabia and  
early Muslim empires***

**The process  
did not continue  
into the modern  
times for about  
last two centuries**

**An organic system offering  
pragmatic regulations for life  
as an organic whole**

***Post-Quranic and  
constructed Islamic Law.***

**In addition to the Quran and Suuna as primary  
sources, the legal techniques of analogy deduction,  
*qiyas*, and *consensus doctorum, ijma*, also evolved  
as secondary possibilities for defining laws**

***The Dynamic Spirit of Islam***

# World Political and Economic Map

## A world divided into regions

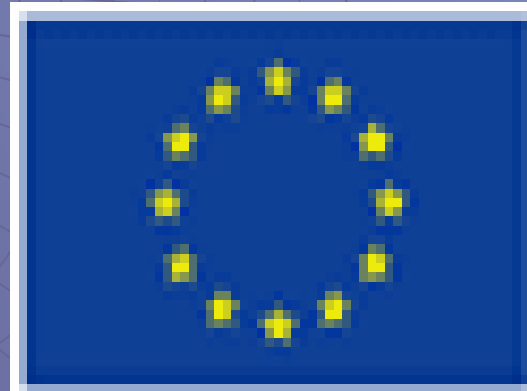
The rhetoric, symbols and gestures vs. turn coat economic and political strategies



OIC Versus NATO



OIC Versus EU





# A Winners Strategy for the Muslim

**The actions, not the words, for improving the welfare of the masses on this earth with normative interventions ensuring:**

**Pragmatism**


**Consistency**

**Continuity**

**Sustainability**



# Progress of the Muslim: Road Signs



**Enhancing the religious tolerance and understanding of diverse views and ways of modern life**

**Ensuring prudence, political realism and pragmatism in public life regulations**

**Breaking into the heavily guarded coliseums of scientific and technological knowledge and claiming the property rights**

**Finding strength in collectivity through individual countries' responses to the internal dynamics and external interfaces within an increasingly global environment**

# Long Live Pakistan



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